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Applicant : H. NOMURA et al.

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For : LENS BARRIER OPENING/CLOSING DEVICE OF A MOVABLE LENS  
BARREL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the examiner  
respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims, as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy is attached at the end of  
this document):

Page 65, lines 5-24, delete in their entirety and substitute the following therefor:

a1 ---Specifically, in the present embodiment of the lens barrier opening/closing device,  
the upper front barrier blade 27c1 of the front pair of barrier blades 27c and the upper rear  
barrier blade 27d1 of the rear pair of barrier blades 27d are pivoted at corresponding one of

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